

In the claims:

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

1-28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

transitioning a central processing unit (CPU) of a computer system into a low power mode, the computer system having a computer system memory,  
activating a low-power subsystem that is independent of the CPU when the CPU transitions into the low-power mode;  
receiving verbal instructions from a user through a wireless headset, the wireless headset being coupled to the low-power subsystem through a wireless interface of the low-power subsystem;

independent of the CPU, interpreting the verbal instructions from the-a user at a speech recognition unit of the-a low-power subsystem; and

independent of the CPU and in response to the verbal instructions, accessing data contained within the computer system memory ~~through a shared database~~ using a processor of the low-power subsystem, ~~the shared database being shared by the computer system and the low power subsystem.~~

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein accessing data comprises accessing data through a shared database, the method further comprising storing at least a partial copy of data accessed from the computer system memory in the shared database.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the computer system memory comprises a disk drive unit.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the data contained in the shared database includes multimedia data.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising accessing data from a network via the wireless interface of the low-power subsystem.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 33, wherein the wireless headset comprises a cellular telephone communicating with the low-power subsystem through the network is accessed using a wireless interface.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising presenting the data accessed to a user via a display of the low-power subsystem.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, further comprising presenting the data accessed to a user via an audio output of the wireless headset medium of the low-power subsystem.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
a computer system;  
~~a shared database coupled to the computer system;~~  
~~a user interface to receive verbal instructions from a user; and~~  
a low-power subsystem in operation when the computer system enters a low power mode including a wireless interface to receive verbal instruction from a user through a wireless headset coupled to the wireless interface coupled to the shared database and to the user interface, the low-power subsystem having a speech recognition

unit to interpret the verbal instructions from the user and a processor to provide access to the computer system through the shared database in response to the verbal instructions.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the low-power subsystem access the is in operation when the computer through a shared database system enters a low power mode.

40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 39 Claim 38, wherein the computer system further comprises:

- a central processing unit (CPU);
- a memory device coupled to the central processing unit; and
- a disk drive unit coupled to the central processing unit.

41. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim Claim 40, wherein the shared database is coupled to the disk drive unit, the shared database to store at least a partial copy of data stored on the disk drive unit.

42. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 39 38, wherein data contained within the shared database includes multimedia data.

43. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein wireless interface of the low-power subsystem further comprises a wireless interface to connect connects with a local area network.

44. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the user interface of the low-power subsystem further comprises a video display to display data accessed from the computer system from the shared database.

45. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, further comprising presenting the data accessed from the computer system through the wherein the low

~~power subsystem further comprises a wireless interface as to receive verbal instructions from the user interface.~~

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 45, further comprising presenting the data accessed from the computer system through wherein the user interface further comprises an audio headset as to receive audio data transmitted from the wireless interface.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the wireless headset comprises low-power subsystem further comprises an interface to transmit data to a cellular phone.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the computer system comprises a main screen and the low-power subsystem comprises a miniature display screen and wherein the miniature display screen is activated when the main screen is closed.

49. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the computer system comprises stored multimedia data, wherein the low-power subsystem accesses the stored multimedia data through the shared database and wherein the low-power subsystem presents the multimedia data to a user through the wireless user interface.

50. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the low-power subsystem presents the multimedia data to the user over a miniature display screen of the low-power subsystem user interface.

51. (Currently Amended) A low-power subsystem comprising:  
a wireless interface to receive verbal instruction from a user through a wireless headset coupled to the wireless interface;

a speech recognition unit to interpret the verbal instructions received from the a user through the wireless interface; and

a processor coupled to the speech recognition unit and to a shared database, the processor providing access to a computer system when the computer system is in a low power mode through the shared database in response to verbal instructions from the speech recognition unit.

52. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51 wherein the processor provides access to the computer system through a shared database coupled to the low-power subsystem and the computer system, when the computer system is in a low power mode.

53. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 52 51, wherein the shared database is coupled to the computer system to store at least a partial copy of data stored in the computer system.

54. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51, wherein the further comprising a wireless interface further connects to connect to an external network.

55. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51, further comprising presenting data accessed from the computer system through the a wireless interface to the wireless connect a headset and the speech recognition unit.

56. (Previously Presented) The low-power subsystem of claim 51 further comprising a miniature display screen to present data accessed from the computer system to the user.